Infrastructure for Power Transmission

5375. **SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:** Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a lack of adequate infrastructure for transmission of power in the country;

(b) what was the role of the Power Grid Corporation in this regard;

(c) whether the distribution network has not kept up with the requirements of the industry and consumers; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to streamline the Power Grid Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA BEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) Development of infrastructure for transmission of power is an on-going process and there is always a scope and need for augmentation and strengthening of the transmission network.

(b) POWER GRID has a major role in developing the National Power Grid, including operation & maintenance of all Extra High Voltage Transmission System in the central sector, execution of transmission system associated with new central sector generation projects and establishment of inter-regional transmission links. Besides, POWERGRID has also to implement various Unified Load Despatch & Communication Schemes for strengthening of regional grids and to look after the Regional Load Despatch Centres.

(c) The distribution network for end use consumers which is with the State Electricity Boards has not kept pace with the requirements due to large scale expansion of urban systems and rural electrification programmes and the lack of adequate resources with the State Electricity Boards who are primarily responsible for augmentation/ strengthening of distribution systems.

(d) Adequate institutional and professional infrastructure already exists in POWERGRID for the accomplishment of tasks assigned to them and further streamlining of its operations/working can be made from time to time with reference to the future requirements. Studies are already being carried out on "Institutional Development & Organisation structure of POWERGRID" and "Long term Integrated Transmission Planning."

Targetted Power Generation Capacity of NTPC

5376. **SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:** Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NTPC has recently drawn up plans to create fresh generating capacity in the next few years;

(b) if so, the total generation capacity of power that exists at present and the target to be achieved by 1995-96;

(c) whether the NTPC has been earning profits and whether the dues from Electricity Boards are piling up;

(d) if so, the total dues outstanding against each of the SEBs as on the 30th April, 1995; and

(e) the steps taken to recover the dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA BEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) proposes to take up the following new projects to augment its generating capacity in the next few years:—